

## **Draft Goals and Guiding Principles**

**For Discussion and Adoption by the Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee  
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### **Draft Goal Statement**

(Goal Statement format based upon recommendations in NOAA CSC Project Design and Evaluation)

The goal of the Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee is to assess Delaware's vulnerability to future sea level rise and to develop a set of recommendations for state agencies, municipalities and citizens so that they understand the potential implications of sea level rise and will be able to make changes to programs and policies resulting ultimately in a reduced risk to Delaware's communities, economy and environment.

**The following guiding principles reflect the outcome of the goals discussion at the December SLR Advisory Committee meeting:**

Recommendations will:

- Be implemented
- Be comprehensive and clearly outline impacts to communities, economy and resources
- Lead to informed decision-making and smart use of resources and public finances
- Result in reduced costs associated with sea level rise and flooding
- Emphasize the role of individual choices in preparing for sea level rise
- Emphasize protection of the farming and food industry
- Ensure that natural resources are conserved
- Complement and enhance disaster planning
- Be based upon the best available science
- Be equitable and fair to all groups and sectors in Delaware
- Allow private property owners to have a say on decisions about their land
- Enable constituents to be prepared and know how to respond to sea level rise
- Ensure public outreach so citizens can make their own informed decisions